AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL

Application No.: 09/981,784

**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-16 and 19-24 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 20, 21 and

24 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. To expedite the

prosecution of the above-identified application, Appellant cancels these claims without prejudice

or disclaimer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed

to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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